

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claims 3 and 7 as follows:

3. (Amended) Colouring pigment granulated materials as claimed in claim 1, **characterized in that** the granulated materials present a grain size of 0.5 through 1.5 mm and a moisture content of <5%.

7. (Amended) Process as claimed in claim 4, **characterized in that** the granulation water contained in the granulated materials is largely expelled by a drying process.

A marked-up version is shown as Exhibit A.

Please add the Abstract, attached hereto on a separate sheet.

REMARKS

By this Preliminary Amendment, a cross-reference to related applications has been inserted in page 1. Claims 3 and 7 have been amended so that the multiple dependency of these dependent claims has been removed to avoid the surcharge associated therewith, and an Abstract is being provided. No new matter has